The fourth season of the American ABC drama Once Upon a Time, a fairy tale reinvented, began on September 29, 2013.[1][2] The show premiered in the middle of the 2013–14 television season and consisted of 22 episodes. The season was released on DVD and Blu-ray on September 16, 2014.[3] The fourth season continues the story of Emma Swan (Jennifer Morrison) and Henry Mills (Jared Gilmore) in the town of Storybrooke, Maine, where all of the characters from fairy tales are trapped under the curse of Regina Mills (Lana Parrilla). Emma, Henry and Mary Margaret Blanchard (Ginnifer Goodwin) are joined by Hook (Colin O'Donoghue) and Mr. Gold (Robert Carlyle) in their quest to find Rumplestiltskin (Carlyle) and Baelfire (Michael Raymond-James), who have both disappeared, while the Evil Queen (Parrilla) is haunted by Cora (Barbara Hershey), her mother.

## Overview

Mary Margaret has awakened from the Enchanted Forest to find out a potion from the Dark One is on her. Emma, Hook, Henry and Regina must find a way to help her before it is too late. Meanwhile, Rumplestiltskin and Belle (Emilie de Ravin) are trapped in the Enchanted Forest and Rumplestiltskin is forced to work for Cora (Hershey). Cora is also trying to get Regina to join her in the Enchanted Forest. Ariel (Sarah Bolger) and Prince Eric (Matthew Lewis) are also trapped in the Enchanted Forest and Ariel is pregnant. Ariel and Eric's baby is kidnapped by Cora and Regina. Cora is also trying to get Regina to join her in the Enchanted Forest. Ariel (Sarah Bolger) and Prince Eric (Matthew Lewis) are also trapped in the Enchanted Forest and Ariel is pregnant. Ariel and Eric's baby is kidnapped by Cora and Regina.

## Cast and characters

### Main

- Jennifer Morrison as Emma Swan, Once Bequeen Resurrected
- Lana Parrilla as Evil Queen/Regina
- Jared Gilmore as Henry Mills
- Ginnifer Goodwin as Mary Margaret Blanchard/Snow White
- Colin O'Donoghue as Captain Hook/James
- Robert Carlyle as Mr. Gold/Rumplestiltskin
- Barbara Hershey as Cora Mills
- Michael Raymond-James as Baelfire/Neal Cassidy
- Emilie de Ravin as Belle French

### Recurring

- Sean Maguire as Robin Hood
- Christian Kane as Merlin
- Tiffani Thiessen as Tinker Bell/Zarina
- Keegan Connor Tracy as Lady Tremaine
- Giles Matthey as Hades
- Sarah Bolger as Princess Aurora/Sleeping Beauty/Briar Rose
- Rebecca Mader as Zelena/Wicked Witch of the West
- Victoria Smurfit as Kathryn Nolan
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- Greg Germann as Tiny/The Genie
- Alan Dale as Weaver/Jacob Hyde
- Meghan Ory as Ruby/Red Riding Hood
- Raphael Sbarge as Archie Hopper/Jiminy Cricket
- Emma Caulfield as Tamara
- Michael Coleman as Peter Pan
- Dylan Schmid as Young Neal/Young Baelfire
- Elizabeth Mitchell as Dr. Whale/Frankenstein's Monster
- Jamie Chung as Mulan
- Reginald VelJohnson as Sheriff George Nolan
- Faran Tahir as Yao
- Ivana Milicevic as Irina
- Adelaide Kane as Cinderella/Ella
- Jaime Ray Newman as Dr. Victoria Hunter
- Eion Bailey as Phillip/Prince Charming
- Karen David as Jasmine
- Robert Buckley as Naveen/Prince Naveen
- Parminder Nagra as Dr. Jeanie Midas
- Ben Cotton as Jefferson/The Mad Hatter
- Tony Perez as Manuel
- Mekhi Phifer as Dr. Robert Sutton/Dr. Frankenstein
- Jessy Schram as Amy Sutton/Frankenstein's Monster
- Lee Arenberg as Leroy/Grumpy
- Cody Kasch as Wish Hook
- Ethan Embry as Wish Baelfire
- Jorge Garcia as Hurley/Wish Hurley
- Sebastian Stan as Jefferson's Son/Wish Jefferson's Son
- Kitana Turnbull as Wish Alice
- Andrew Gower as Wish Cyrus
- Amber Skye Landon as Wish Lily
- Ryan Kennedy as Wish Ryan
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### Guest

- Cheryl Ladd as Snow White
- Christopher Gorham as Jacob
- Ivana Milicevic as Irina
- Jaime Ray Newman as Dr. Victoria Hunter
- Eion Bailey as Phillip/Prince Charming
- Karen David as Jasmine
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## Episodes

| No. | Title | Directed by | Written by | Original air date | U.S. viewers (millions) |
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| 1 | "The Crocodile" | Mario Azzopardi | Edward Kitsis & Adam Horowitz | September 29, 2013 | 9.29[4] |

Emma (Jennifer Morrison) and Henry (Jared Gilmore) are in Storybrooke, Maine, where all of the characters from fairy tales are trapped under the curse of Regina (Lana Parrilla). Emma, Henry and Mary Margaret (Ginnifer Goodwin) are joined by Hook (Colin O'Donoghue) and Mr. Gold (Robert Carlyle) in their quest to find Rumplestiltskin (Carlyle) and Baelfire (Michael Raymond-James), who have both disappeared, while the Evil Queen (Parrilla) is haunted by Cora (Barbara Hershey), her mother.

| 2 | "Tallahassee" | Paul Edwards | Jane Espenson | October 6, 2013 | 8.47[5] |
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Emma, Hook and Henry travel to Tallahassee, Florida, to find Baelfire, but they are unable to find him. Meanwhile, Mary Margaret is under the influence of a potion from the Dark One, and Regina must find a way to help her before it is too late.

| 3 | "Dreamy" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 13, 2013 | 8.47[6] |
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| 4 | "Heroes & Villains" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 20, 2013 | 8.47[7] |
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| 5 | "Snow Drifter" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[8] |
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| 6 | "Tallahassee" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[9] |
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| 8 | "Heroes & Villains" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[11] |
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| 14 | "Tallahassee" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[17] |
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| 15 | "Dreamy" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[18] |
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| 16 | "Heroes & Villains" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[19] |
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| 17 | "Snow Drifter" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[20] |
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| 18 | "Tallahassee" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[21] |
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| 19 | "Dreamy" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[22] |
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| 20 | "Heroes & Villains" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[23] |
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| 21 | "Snow Drifter" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[24] |
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| 22 | "Tallahassee" | Ralph Hemecker | Jane Espenson | October 27, 2013 | 8.47[25] |
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## Production

### Development

On February 8, 2013, ABC announced that it had renewed Once Upon a Time for a fourth season.[26] On May 10, 2013, the network confirmed that the season would premiere on September 29, 2013.[27] On May 10, 2013, the network confirmed that the season would premiere on September 29, 2013.[28] On May 10, 2013, the network confirmed that the season would premiere on September 29, 2013.[29] On May 10, 2013, the network confirmed that the season would premiere on September 29,